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RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The object of the drive is to
get 10,000,000 new members to
the Red Cross by Christmas Eve.

Wright County is asked to get
4577 new members in the drive.

The slogan in the campaign is
to be "Let The Boys Know You
Care".

A feature of the drive will be
the use of the service flags,
which will be posted in the
windows of homes. The flags
are made of transparent paper,
and bear the Red Cross emblem.

The display of a Red Cross
service flag in a window will
mean that a person in that home
is a Red Cross member. Space
is provided in the white field of
the flag for placing additional
Red Cross emblems for addi-
tional members of the household
who join the Red Cross. At 7:30
on Christmas Eve a candle is to
be placed in each window behind
the service emblem, so that on
Christmas Eve there may be
given expression to the universal
aspect of the Red Cross.

It is also planned to lend still
further significance to this Red
Cross Christmas ceremony, by
having the churches to toll
their bells at 7:30 on Christmas
eve at the hour when the candles
are lit, continuing their tolling
at half-hour intervals until
9 o'clock, the suggested duration
of this Christmas display.

And above all, as the greatest
feature of the Christmas eve
program, — it is hoped that the
results of the drive will make this
possible — it is planned to send
a cablegram to the boys at the
front that 15,000,000 men, women
and children are back of them.

The dates for the drive are
from December 17th to
December 25th, but an active
campaign is to be conducted
throughout the entire month in
this county, in order that every
day may count toward the
securing of the 4577 Red Cross
members.

The First Semi-Annual Report Of the War Council of The American RED CROSS,

Washington, D. C. Dec. 2

On behalf of the War Council
of the American Red Cross, ap-
pointed by President Wilson
May 10 Henry P. Davison, chair-
man, today makes public the re-
port to the American people on
the present state of the War
Fund and the work which is
being done by the American
Red Cross in this country and
different parts of the world. The
report, in part, is as follows:

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

The Red Cross War Council
herewith reports on the work of
the Red Cross during the almost
six months which have elapsed
since its appointment by the
President.

Including herein are details as
to collections on account of the
War Fund and appropriations
made from the Fund, up to Nov-
ember 1.

The growth of the Red Cross
activities among the suffering
civilian populations in the differ-
ent allied countries is, up to this
time, the outstanding feature of
Red Cross work in this war.

The magnitude of the work in
France is particularly impres-
sive.

AIMS of the RED CROSS.

Broadly speaking the Red
Cross War Council has proceed-
ed upon the theory that the
present work of the American
Red Cross should contribute to
these great aims.

1. To be ready to care for our
soldiers and sailors on duty
wherever that care may be need-
ed.

2. To shorten the War — by
strengthening the morale of the
allied peoples and their armies
by alleviating their sufferings in
the period which must elapse
until the American army can
become fully effective abroad.

3. To lay foundations for an
enduring peace — by extending a
message of practical relief and
sympathy to the civilian popula-
tion among our Allies, carrying
to them the expression of the
finest side of the American char-
acter.

The American people have
generously supported the work
of the Red Cross, and this
report of activity is given with
great fullness in the hope that
through it the public may realize
both the obligation and the op-
portunity which the future
presents.

RESPONDING TO THE CRY FOR RELIEF.

The American Red Cross is
attempting to respond to the
most beseeching and far-reach-
ing appeal ever made for mercy
and relief.

The American people are to-
day the richest people in the
world the richest in resources,
richest in obligations and in op-
portunities. The Red Cross
aims to mobilize the hearts and
souls of America toward binding
up the wounds of a bleeding
world.

Up to date approximately
\$88,000,000 in cash has been
collected for the War Fund. The
demands however in Europe are
increasing with great rapidity
and on the present basis of ex-
penditure the \$100,000,000 War
Fund cannot last much beyond
spring.

MONEYS APPROPRIATED

Following the preliminary
report recently made on the
work in Europe of the American
Red Cross the War Council pre-
sents herewith a summary of
the work of the Red Cross, both
in the United States and in
Europe from May 10, 1917, to
November 1 1917.

During this period the War
Council appropriated from the
War Fund (including \$7,659,000
advanced to chapters for pur-
chase of material and to be re-
turned to the War Fund). \$10,-
969,216.60 for work in the United
States, as contrasted with the
appropriation of \$27,885,816.86
for work abroad, of which \$20,
601,240.47 was for use in France.

There have been a appropriated
from funds restricted to specific
purposes \$1,417,625.74. As \$7,
659,000 advanced by the War
Council is to be returned to the
War Fund the net appropriation
amount to \$32,613,659.20.

The total expenses of raising
and collecting the War Fund are
proving to be less than one per-
cent. The War Fund is deposit-
ed locally by the chapters and
campaign committees. About
8,500 banks now hold these de-
posits, in the name of William G.
McAdoo, Treasurer.

BASE HOSPITAL UNITS EQUIPPED.

Forty-nine Army base hospital
units and five for the Navy been
recruited, organized and equip-
ped by the Red Cross. More than
twelve of the Army units and
two of the Navy units have now
been mustered into their
respective Medical Corps and
are seeing service. These units
can care for a 500 bed hospital
each, and some of them have
been reinforced to enable them
to take over larger hospitals.

The Red Cross has also
organized 45 ambulance
companies, with a total personnel
of 5,580, all of which have been
taken into the Army Medical
Corps, some for service abroad,
others for the camps and
cantonnments. A General
Hospital, for the use of the
Navy, has been established at
Philadelphia. Convalescent
homes have been built at Fort
Ogithorpe and Fort McPherson,
Georgia, and mobile laboratory
cars are to be provided for use
in case of emergencies at the
camps.

THE RED CROSS SANITARY SERVICE.

Through its Sanitary Service,
the Red Cross is cooperating
with local health authorities in
maintaining the best possible san-
itary condition in the zone just out-
side military jurisdiction at the
training camps and cantonnments.
Twenty sanitary units have been
organized for this purpose.

The Red Cross has placed field
directors of Camp Service at
thirty eight camps, cantonnments
and naval stations. The purpose
of the Camp Service is to co-
operate with all the agencies
that are advancing the welfare of
the enlisted men.

The Red Cross has continued
its work of disaster relief during
the war, and has rendered aid in
64 calamities. Recently a call
for help for flood victims in Tien-
tsin was answered by the
dispatch of a relief expert to the
city and the sending of \$125,000.

RED CROSS NURSES.

Fourteen thousand Red Cross
nurses have been enrolled for
duty, and approximately 3,000
have already been called into
active nursing service, of whom
2,000 are working abroad.

A program for increasing the
reserve of fully trained nurses
for war service has been adopted

in concert with the Committees
on nursing of the Council of Nat-
ural Defense and other nursing
authorities.

WHAT the WOMEN are DOING.

Millions of women have been
mobilized for work on surgical
dressings, hospital garments,
refugee clothing, knitting gar-
ments and comfort kits.

It is estimated that the value
of their work during the next
twelve months will amount to
nearly \$40,000,000.

Since April 1, 1917, the Red
Cross has sent abroad 13,336
cases of surgical dressings, hos-
pital supplies and clothing con-
taining approximately 13,000,000
separate articles. The Red Cross
has promised to send 3,000,000
surgical dressings to France
every month for the next six
months.

HOME CARE of the SICK.

Courses of instruction in ele-
mentary hygiene and home care
of the sick, home dietetics, and
first aid have been given through-
out the United States. More
than 34,000 women have complet-
ed the first of these courses,
and 75,000 certificates of pro-
ficiency in first aid have been
issued during the past year
alone.

HOW the WORK is DIRECTED.

This work in the United States
has been directed from National
headquarters by a completely
reorganized administration.

Under the direction of the
War Council, a general manager
Harvey D. Gibson, president of
the Liberty National Bank, has
been given general charge of the
work in this country. He has
delegated the direct oversight of
the chapters, of which there are
now 3,287 to division managers.

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